

Special Recreation Permits



SRP OBJECTIVE

Using the requests for SRPs in the Field, ORPs will be able to:

- Identify, locate and utilize current guidance.
- Understand the role of recreation permitting in a recreation program and field office.
- Manage permitting to achieve broader goals and objectives.

Using the guidance in H-2930.

Route to Achieve Objective

- Different Types of SRPs
- Purpose of an SRP program
- Land use planning and SRPs
- Administering SRPs



Commercial	Competitive	Vending	Special Area	Organized Group/Event

Purpose of SRPs

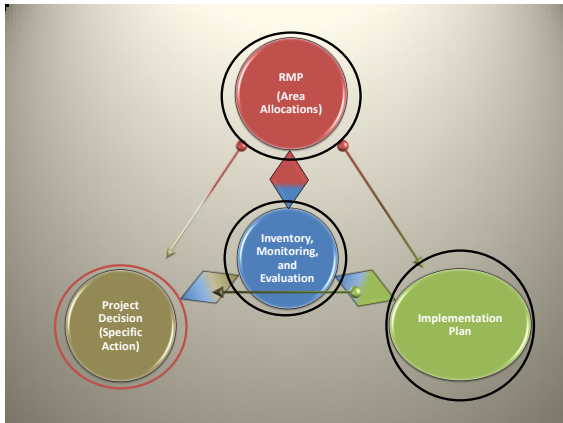
Sources of Information

- Regulations 43-CFR-2930
- 2930 Manual and Handbook
- WO IM No. 2005 – 092 (Geocaching)
- WO IM No. 2008 – 141(Wilderness Therapy)
- WO IM No. 2011 – 019 (SRP Administration)
- WO IM No. 2011 – 041 (Automatic Adjustment of Fees)
- WO IM No. 2011 – 062 (Form s 2930-1 and 2930-2)
- WO IM No. 2011 – 159 (Scattering of Cremated Remains)
- Appendix C, Land Use Planning Handbook

Land Use Planning and SRP's

2930 Manual states FM's must:

1. Provide for recreation permits in RMP.
2. Ensure staff receives training.
3. Develop, implement, and monitor actions related to recreation permits.



General Recreation Permit Policy

BLM Manual 2930

Permits and Permitted Use:

- A privilege to use public lands.
- Consistent with management objectives and plans.
- Used to manage visitor use, protect resources, provide for health & safety.

Guiding Parameters

BLM Manual 2930

- Focus on quality experience for current and future users.
- Achieve healthy ecosystems which provide settings for high quality experience.
- Resource dependent niche – unique to each area.
- Each office must identify niche within framework of a National role.

Policy Implementation and Clarifying SRP Guidance

Planning

- SRP's not a separate activity. They are a means to implement recreation goals and objectives.
- Permits must serve the public interest.
- Make allocation decisions in LUP process, not one application at a time.

Administering SRPs

Tips to Ensure Success

Administering SRPs

- Have a thorough understanding of types of permits and associated fees
- Issuing a SRP is discretionary
- Use pre-application meetings
- Operating Plan
- Monitor
- Administrative record

Policy Implementation and Clarifying SRP Guidance

Waivers of SRP's and Fees

- Don't barter for volunteer work.
- None for educational, therapeutic or fundraising events
- If it requires an SRP, it requires fee payment!

Co-sponsorship of events

- Only when there is a clear, direct benefit to the public lands.
- BLM manager's or staff's good feelings about an event does not constitute a clear, direct benefit to public lands.

Policy Implementation and Clarifying SRP Guidance

Cost Recovery

- More than 50 hours of staff time

Letters of Agreement

- May be used for organized groups.
- Are not an authorization.
- An agreement that an SRP is not required.

Current SRP Fees

- Minimum, annual SRP fee for all SRP's except for Special Area SRP's is \$100.
- Minimum assigned/reserved site fee for commercial use is \$200.
- These fees are in effect 3/1/11 through 3/1/14.
- Minimum competitive and organized group fee remains unchanged at \$5. per person, per day.

See WO Instruction Memo 2011-041.

Resources - KRC

Sharepoint

SRP Job Aids

<http://www.ntc.blm.gov/krc/viewresource.php?courseID=489&programAreaId=70>

IBLA Decisions for SRPs

<http://www.ntc.blm.gov/krc/viewresource.php?courseID=150&programAreaId=70>

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Activity

- What are the pre-application steps you should consider?
- Would you permit this activity?

Pre-application Consultation Critical Step

- Use a good checklist
- Discuss if proposed use conforms to LUP
- Discuss insurance requirements, fees, deductions, discounts, and cost recovery
- Identify need for other permits
- Review BLM's timetable for processing

Questions?

- What is your role in permitting?
- Are you able to tie your SRPs to your LUP?
- If not, think about how you can tie SRPs into your RMP in the future.
- What are your issues and concerns?

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Concession Agreements



Concessions Objectives

Using the requests for Concessions in the Field, students will be able to:

- Understand how BLM Concession differs from other Agencies
- Identify, locate and utilize current guidance
- Understand the role of recreation in a concession agreement
- Manage concession to achieve broader goals and objectives

How Are BLM Concessions Difference From Other Agencies

- Does not include Outfitters and Guides
- Is for fixed facilities and services
- Long-term agreements



Concession Agreements

Long-term authorizations for private parties to possess and use public lands to provide recreation facilities and services for a fixed period authorized under REA, M-2930, and 43 CFR 2920.

When Used

Provide products, facilities, programs, management, and/or visitor services which enhance visitor use of public lands

Agreements involving developments, program, or services may be offered to the public where compatible with resource mgt. goals and planning documents



When Used

Established to provide better services to the recreation visitor and customer

Should not be used if SRP or Land Use Permit are sufficient



Planning for Concessions Agreements

Proposals and potential areas for commercial development of recreation concession agreements on public land and related waters are described and analyzed in RMPs



Business analysis of the opportunity (Prospectus)

Questions



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